

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of November 10, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the following Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the printer controller compensates for any relative skew within the rows of printing nozzles at the transition between the adjacently disposed printhead modules are at least partially compensated for. Support for this amendment can be found at paragraphs [3196]-[3204] and [3288]-[3295] of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-11 and 16-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections and Response to Arguments

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-11 and 16-18 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Madeley, Tschida, Askren, Dings, Hackleman, Kamoshida, Walmsley, King and Morita either considered alone or in view of one another, because amended independent claim 1 explicitly recites that relative skew within the rows themselves is compensated for in the claimed invention, whereas Tschida only discloses compensating for misalignment between the rows of nozzles and none of the other cited references makes up for these deficiencies in Tschida.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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